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EDITORIAL.

We appear this month greatly improved and hope to make such advancements each month hereafter. Advertisers are already beginning to see that this a paying paper. Come one and all of you. Low rates, large circulation are the two things that we boast of. We ask you for a trial only.

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A. H. EKLUND.

POSTAL PARAGRAPHS.

The title of "stamp-licker" is not the most attractive in the world to bestow upon a young lady, especially when she is petit, pretty and charming. But Miss Ada M. Crawford, of 2112 Wharton street, Philadelphia, Pa., is nevertheless a stamp-licker, and what is more, is the world's champion in her chosen vocation. Miss Crawford, who has just passed her eighteenth birthday, is now forewoman for the E. C. Howe Company, publishers of directories, at Eighth and Locust streets, Philadel-

phia. Three years ago she entered the employ of the house, and at once attracted attention by the lightning rapidity with which she addressed, sealed and stamped envelopes. The first time she tried stamping envelopes she did 1,500 an hour. She can now do 3,000 an hour and has kept this up steadily for days. Strange to say she persistently declined to use a sponge, and everyone of the millions of stamps which have carried letters and circulars to their destinations all over the country has received a dainty lick from her tongue. Miss Crawford talked interestingly of herself and her work recently. "Do I like the work?" she repeated in reply to a question. "Indeed I do, in fact I wouldn't do anything else. I suppose it seems very funny that I should prefer to use my tongue instead of a sponge, but I can get along so much better. I can only do 2,000 an hour with a sponge, and I can easily do 3,000 an hour without it. No, it doesn't seem to affect my health in the least. I'll tell you a funny thing about it: if business becomes slack and I don't have any stamps to stick I lose my appetite and can't scarcely eat anything. But as soon as I get down to work again my appetite returns and I become ravenously hungry. There seems to be something in the gum that acts as a tonic." When questioned about her work Miss Crawford said that she could stick 3,000 stamps an hour, and could seal 12,000 envelopes (also with her tongue) in a day. She can also fold 13,000 circulars and address 1,600 envelopes a day.

A letter addressed to the Postmaster General inquiring whether the P. O. Department intended to issue a World's Fair postage stamp brought the reply that the Department has not decided yet.

The World's Fair is to have a postoffice large enough to supply hourly mails to 14,000 exhibitors, and the force to manage it will be as large as that of the Milwaukee Postoffice.

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WORCESTER NOTES.

The past month has been a lively one for collectors and dealers in Worcester.

On the evening of Jan. 25th the W. Co. Phil. Ass'n. met and held the most interesting stamp meeting which has ever been held in this city. Mr. N. E. Deats, the well-known philatelist of Flemington, N. J., was present and the evening was devoted to examining the fine collection of U. S. proofs and essays exhibited by him. Mr. Deats entertained the company by conversation on various philatelic subjects, especially the purchase of the U. S. Government remainders of tobacco and spirit stamps by him.

Mr. J. K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, was in town during the later part of January, and paid a visit to several local philatelists. He is east in regard to incorporating the American Philatelic Association.

The last meeting of the W. Co. Phil. Ass'n. was held Feb. 9, but as only 3 members were present, there was no quorum and consequently no business was transacted.

We are very sorry to hear that both Pres., Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Marble of the W. Co. Phil. Ass'n. have handed in their resignations, which were laid on the table at the last meeting.

Mr. A. Davison, editor of the *Post Office*, N. Y., was in town last week and paid several visits. We however did not see him.

We earnestly hope all the younger collectors will not dispose of their collections as warm weather approaches, but will lay them aside safely, ready to begin again when next winter prevents out door sports and enjoyments. This is a great fault we have to find with the Worcester collectors.

NOTICE AND READ THIS.

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OUR EXCHANGES.

The *Collector* at hand, bright and fresh as ever. Bro. R. M. Miller must be making a success of the paper, as it is steadily increasing in size.

No. 4 of the *Ohio Philatelist* is a good one. A new continued story begins with this number entitled, "The Hidden Treasure," which is very interesting.

The *Philatelic Tribune* called the other day, but is very small with little reading matter to speak of.

Everybody interested in stamps should have a copy of *Advertised Philatelic Frauds* which gives the names of 600 stamp-frauds, and blank pages for as many more. We heartily recommend you to send 25 cents to A. B. Merrill, Everett, Mass., and receive one. Many thanks for complimentary copy, Bro. M.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* for January contains twelve pages and cover, comprising some good reading matter.

The *Coin and Stamp* is a new one, hailing from San Antonio, Texas. It is devoted to both coins and stamps. Subscription price 50 cents, published by Dr. J. B. Breeding.

The *Young Collector* is a poor paper, containing little of nothing. However it stands a chance to improve, the same as the rest of us.

The *Dominion Philatelist* is the same large Canadian paper as of yore and is truly a good magazine. Would like to see you every month.

The *Electric Philatelic* at hand. It is much smaller than we supposed, containing only four pages. Please send us two copies, Bro. Fine.

Vol. 4, No. 2 of the *Philatelic Journal* of Ohio is the last issue of that journal which will soon be a thing of the past. Mr. W. S. Kinzer will discontinue publishing it on account of lack of time.

The *United Association Philatelist* at hand. The paper is official organ for the U. P. A. Best wishes.

The *Michigan Philatelist* called the other day, filled with comic pictures.

THE NEW, OLD ADDRESS BOOK.

Mekeel's 1892 address book contains many names of Worcester collectors who have long since been out of stamps and omits several who are active members at present. His list should be revised before the next edition is published, at least as far as this city is concerned.

ONE CENT AND A QUARTER.

A man went into the postoffice of a neighboring town recently and told the postmaster that he desired thirteen two-cent stamps for one cent and a quarter. The postmaster refused to give them to him, stating that the cost would be 26 cents. The man persisted in getting his order, claiming that he could get them at any other office for that amount, and even threatened the government official if he continued to refuse him. Finally the postmaster ordered him out, but the man none daunted, took a cent and a 25 cent piece from his pocket, and laying them down on the counter he received his stamps for his cent and a quarter. The postmaster was a little discomfited for a while, but now enjoys the joke as well as anyone.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

We recently received the following letter from one of our foreign friends, which is a good example of the attempted translating which they use.

The letter was accompanied by a lot of stamps, valued at about \$2.00, for which he mentioned in the letter what he wanted in exchange; but we are sorry to say that he did not receive what he wanted.

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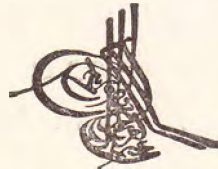
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